

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A card connector comprising:

a body made of an integral molded product of a synthetic resin, said body including a ~~hand~~ head portion and a pair of arms which extend outwardly from said head portion, each arm of said pair of arms including a foremost end portion

a plurality of multipolar contacts; and

a sheet metal frame which extends between said pair of arms, and which cooperates with said body to form a card insertion space, wherein:

said sheet metal frame including arm support means for blocking inward deflections of said foremost end portions, and

said arm support means is configured by a receiving piece which butts against an inward engagement face that is provided in a foremost end portion of one of said arms,

said arm support means is extended in a thickness direction of a card C which is to be inserted into said card insertion space, and

a lateral width W of a insertion slot of said card insertion space is defined by a distance between opposing inward faces of said receiving pieces.

9. (Previously presented) The card connector according to claim 8, wherein:

said receiving piece is formed by bending said frame.

10. (Previously presented) The card connector according to claim 8, wherein:

said arm support means is configured by a pair of receiving pieces which are to butt against inward engagement faces that are provided in said foremost end portions, respectively, and said receiving pieces are formed by bending said frame.

11. (Previously presented) The card connector according to claim 8, wherein:  
said body is provided with a lower plate portion which is continuously integrated  
with said head portion and said pair of arms, said card insertion space being formed  
between said lower plate portion and said frame,

a recessed portion that is recessed toward said head portion is formed in said  
lower plate portion and between said pair of arms, and

right and left recessed edges of said recessed portion are formed into an arcuate  
shape.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

13. (Previously presented) The card connector according to claim 8, wherein:  
plate-like pieces which overlap outward faces of said pair of arms to reinforce the  
arms respectively are formed by bending said frame.

14. (Previously presented) The card connector according to claim 13,  
wherein:

said frame has a face plate portion which is extended from said head portion of  
said body to said foremost end portions of said arms, and

positions a, b of said foremost end portions of said arms where engagement  
faces are formed are clamped between said plate-like pieces and said arm supporting  
means, respectively.

15. (Currently Amended) A card connector comprising:

a body made of an integral molded product of a synthetic resin, said body  
including a head portion and a pair of arms which extend outwardly from said  
head portion, each arm of said pair of arms including a foremost end portion;

a plurality of multipolar contacts mounted to said body; and

a sheet metal frame which extends between said pair of arms, and which  
cooperates with said body to form a card insertion space, wherein:

said sheet metal frame including arm support means for blocking inward deflections of said foremost end portions of said arms, at least one of which said arm supporting means including an engagement piece extending therefrom which aids in further securing its associated foremost end portion and consequently said body to said sheet metal frame,

said arm support means is extended in a thickness direction of a card C which is to be inserted into said card insertion space, and

a lateral width W of a insertion slot of said card insertion space is defined by a distance between opposing inward faces of said receiving pieces.